



RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

October 9, 2015

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The OC STEM Initiative fosters economic competitiveness and sustainability by promoting STEM education throughout Orange County. We believe technology skills are a core competency, and we are supportive of programs that aim to improve access to and understanding of the latest innovations. We believe the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks would benefit STEM education and particularly those of limited financial means.

The merger proposes the creation of New Charter, a company that would take the experience of Charter, Time Warner, and Bright House and bring new innovation and superior customer care to consumers across the country. We look forward to the new organization being one that continues corporate responsibility programs and promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

In addition to impressing customers familiar with the cable broadband industry, New Charter would work to connect with those that have been turned away by high costs. The company would offer a low-income program aimed at improving access to technology, and New Charter's commitment to building relationships in the community through low cost broadband services directly impacts our students. Through the various programs, OC STEM works to bridge the digital gap for underserved students.

We believe STEM skills are essential for 21st century jobs in Orange County. New Charter would help underserved students gain experience with technology, which is vital for sustainability and prosperity in our region. OC STEM asks that you support the company's low-income program and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

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Linda Christopher, Executive Director
OC STEM Initiative

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Gerald Solomon, Executive Director Samueli Foundation
Board Chair, OC STEM